HOME ECONOMICS GRADS READILY FOUND JOBS

Blacksburg, Va.- Which should a girl do—marry or work, or both?

Home economics graduates from six Virginia colleges last June had and took their many opportunities to do both, according to figures just compiled by the Virginia Home Economics Association and released here this week by Miss Ruth Jamison, president of the Association.

Employers of home economists snapped up the available graduates, including 20 of the 26 who were married. They requested of each college from 10 to 37 more graduates than colleges had to fill openings. Of those 26 married, 15 were married at the time of graduation, and 11 immediately after graduation. Six are now full-time homemakers.

In releasing the study, Miss Jamison pointed out, "Such figures are quite usual in our professional field. A home economist is trained for both professional service and homemaking, and finds both easier to combine is she chooses."

"We want every Virginia girl, looking toward college next fall, to know of the need and thus the great opportunities for immediate and pleasant employment after graduation," Miss Jamison said. "Take a look at the wide range of positions which these graduates entered last June. Any girl cuoosing home economics training, may work in the field of her choice, as well as be trained for marriage and homemaking."

Bachelor of science degrees were awarded to 82 senior girls at the Virginia colleges last June, and 73 are now employed by choice.

They entered 15 different types of home economics work: 44, teaching; 4, Extension home demonstration work; 8, institution dietetics—general and VA hospital service, hospital dietetics internships, and school cafeteria management;

Nine, business—6, home service departments of electric and gas utilities, 2 in textiles and interior decoration, 1 in clothing;

Two, nursery school work; 1, social welfare and public health; 1, airline service; 1, civil service; and 3, graduate scholarships for further study in home economics.

More such graduates are needed, according to the survey, to fill positions as teachers, Extension home economists, institution dietitians and in various Virginia industries requiring trained home economists.

These six Virginia colleges, covered in the survey, offer the 4-year home economics course leading to the B. S. degree: Bridgewater College, Bridgewater; Longwood College, Farmville; Madison College, Harrisonburg; Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg; Radford College, Radford, and V. P. I., Blacksburg, the latter also offering graduate training in home economics.

NEWS FROM HOLLYWOOD

The Film Daily has announced that Ernest Borgnine and Jenifer Jones have been voted the best actor and actress of 1955 in an annual poll of film critics. Mr. Borgnine took top place in the periodical's Filmdom's Famous Five citations for his portrayal of the title role in "Marty." Miss Jones' citation was for her work in "Love Is a Many Splendered Thing."

It is interesting to note that "Marty" also figured in two other classifications — Delbert Mann was rated the year's best director for his work on "Marty" and Paddy Chayefsky's script of the film got the nod as the best screen play of 1955.

Jean Simmons is to star in RKO's projected remake of "Morning Glory," issued by the studio in 1933 with Katherine Hepburn, starred. Ruth and Augustus Goetz, who wrote the original screen play, will do the same for the revised version.

As his first directing assignment, Don McGuire finished the film end of Frank Sinatra's "Johnny Concho," with only 3 weeks of shooting. Don has been a writer and has directed shorts and TV but Sinatra gave him the opportunity to direct his first full-length picture.

Two of Nobel prize-winner William Faulkner's stories, "Sound and Fury," and "Soldier Fay," have been bought by Jerry Wald. John Kerr will probably star in the latter film.

When "The Leather Saint" is made, with John Derek starred, the principal character will be an Episcopalian minister instead of a Catholic priest, who turns to prize fighting to raise money for his poor church. The change was made so that a romantic situation could be developed in the story.

With Clark Gable in mind, R.K.O. beat all other studios to the draw and bought "Cash McCall," a best-seller novel. They hope and pray Gable will play the lead character, who is described as a dreamboat to women and a high financier among men. It was written by Cameron Hawley, who also wrote, "Executive Suite."

Twentieth Century - Fox has signed Geoffrey Toone, British actor, to play the role of Deborah Kerr's suitor in "The King and I." Toone has appeared on the screen in "Sword of Honor," made in England and in "Captain Lightfoot," which Universal filmed in Ireland.

Appomattox is a growing town.

POSTMASTER GENERAL GIVES REPORT

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, in a report delivered to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, has disclosed that some 506,000 postal employees were placed in new salary schedules December 3, as the final step of a new salary law which gave them total wage increases averaging 8.4 per cent, at a cost of $179 million a year.

The report supplied detailed information on how the Post Office Department assigned its field employees to new salary schedules of the recent wage law, known as the Postal Field Service Act of 1955 (Public Law 68).

Commenting on the report, Postmaster General Summerfield said:

"Putting this law into effect was a highly complicated task due to the wide variety of occupations involved, the geographical dispersion of employees and the sheer number of positions involved. Yet, it was completed on schedule by our Bureau of Personnel within the required six months after enactment of the law on last June 15, and the reclassification of our postal employees into the new wage schedule was fully achieved on December 3, 1955."

Public Law 68 gave all postal employees, except a relative few Departmental employees who are covered under other salary legislation, a 6 per cent flat pay increase, retroactive to March 1, 1955.

NITROGEN NEEDED FOR SMALL GRAINS

Plenty of available nitrogen during the early spring is essential for profitable small grain production.

That's the reminder from G. Epperson, asociate agronomist at V. P. I., who says that use of nitrogen as a topdressing is particularly important following high yields of crops during the previous growing season, when large amounts of plant food nutrients were used.

Soil fertility is a primary factor in determining the amount of nitrogen to use. On medium fertile soils 20 to 25 pounds per acre will usually be enough. Low fertility or sandy soils generally need more nitrogen, probably us to 50 pounds per acre.

Soils with high fertility will not usually need additional nitrogen, particularly those with high organic content. Nitrogen should be used with care to prevent lodging in small grain. However, any nitrogen that can be used up to the point of promoting lodging, will be profitable if applied at the proper time.

On soils low in phosphorus and potash, a complete fertilizer applied at the rate to give the suggested amounts of nitrogen is recommended.

The Cleveland Browns kept their National Football League title by routing the Los Angeles Rams, 38-14.

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

January is always the month in which when we recall Lee and Jackson. I have done more research on Lee than on Lee. Here are some notes I came across in my "stonewall" file:—He suffered from dyspepsia. He wrote. "For twenty years I have suffered agony from dyspepsia." He always worried about his stomach (as does your doctor). While Jackson was stationed at Fort Hamilton in Florida, a doctor set up a rigid diet for him. No white bread and unseasoned meat. Blackberries when available. And milk. And lemon juice. One could write a book about his eating habits. Especially the lemons. And he referred to stand up while he ate. I figured that standing up was a natural position for his internal organs and that was that. No butter on his bread. He would not touch the white of an egg. His soldiers were often weary and often hungry, but when they saw Old Jack hobbling by on Sorrel, sucking a lemon, they knew the leader was all right! Lemons were a "must" on the list of the Stonewall Brigade. How he got them through all the blockades was one of the mysteries of the war.

Jackson had a bright idea for all who arrived late at Sunday School. He locked the door on them!

And how honest he was. Once late after midnight, he decided he had given a student at VMI an incorrect answer to a question in his class. Jackson arose, dressed, and walked through the streets of Lexington in the eirie hours before dawn to arouse the student and make amends. Has there ever been such a meticulous teacher!

As one waxes old in occupation of the editorial chair, one feels the need for more filing cabinets. Revenue to Betsy, so much material I must shun the waste paper basket. Even after we pour it into the typewriting machines and the printed sheet, we still like to keep the original copy and the research that preceded it. Often at night, I ramble through a maze of clippings and old papers piled around, me and about my desk in my den at home. And I find such as-:

Going through a book from the Appomattox County Library, between pages 166 and 167, I found added green leaf lovingly pressed. Who had put it there? Why did the leaf saved to start with? Surely not just as a book marker. Could the "Keep Virginia Green" people like to get this item?

On the grand scale— one can see George Washington, Robert E. Lee and George Marshall as solid, competent commanders in American history. But there is another group — a group of swashbuckling individuals, who were unpredictable and often eccentric. And on this list would come Andrew Jackson, Stonewall Jackson and George Patton. In the case of Lee and Jackson they made a great team, but never forget that they were opposites in many angles of temperment and ways of doing things.

Demonstration Club Schedule

The uses of cereals will be the subject at meeting of Appomattox County Home Demonstration Clubs next week. The schedule:

Monday, Jan. 30.- Special intersect meeting on keeping home records.

Wednesday, Feb. 1.- Glendale Club will meet at 10:30 A. M. with Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Sr., with Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr., co-hostess. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. F. J. Nash, Sr.

Thursday, Feb. 2.- Oakville Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. T. J. Hillsman. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. Mararet Hillsman and Mrs. Everette Phelps.

Thursday, Feb. 2.- Rocks Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. H. Ranson. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. Ranson and Mrs. Toby Inge.

EVERYTHING'S COLD

Coldwater, Mich.- On a recent very cold day, a Coldwater theatre marque advertised the following double feature: "The Naked Dawn" and "Lady Godiva."

Collins Talks On 'International Understanding'

.... Dr. C. A. Collins, Jr.

Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., minister of Liberty Baptist Church, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Junior Woman's Club of Appomattox Tuesday evening. "International Understanding" was the topic of his address.

Dr. Collins said that "Today all civilized countries are bound together by a network of relationships: political, commercial, social, economic, religious and educational. These relationships defy boundry lines, national frontiers, continents and oceans."

The minister pointed out that "if ever an aggressive minority of this generation could learn to think, to respond to what is good and beautiful and true, and fair play, even if it were a small minority, it would go a long way in solving the problems of the world."

"Democracy is a way of life," he stated. "It means living together in such a way that every individual will have the fullest opportunity to develop his personality. Democracy calls for intelligence, laws to regulate man's doings, teamwork, and last but not least, democracy calls for the spirit of righteousness and social justice as is exemplified by the Lord Jesus."

Dr. Collins concluded by saying that "people are looking to your generation and mine for an example of 'International Understanding.'"

A short business meeting was held, at which time Miss Ellen Paulett, president of the club, presided. Reports were given from various committees. The program committee announced plans for a dinner meeting next month, at which time Mrs. James W. Wilshire, Jr., of Lynchburg, First Vice-President of the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs, will install the officers of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Stanley Boyce, Mrs. David Carter, Mrs. Edwin Cawthorne and Miss Nina Barlow.

THREE LOCAL PLACES ENTERED EARLY MONDAY

Three establishments here were struck by burglars early Monday. It is believed that the places were entered between 2 and 3:30 A. M. A cash register, empty, was removed from Appomattox Esso Servicenter on Route 460. Moses Motor Co. and Grinels Motor Co. were entered, with a total of about $50 taken from both places.

Supplemental Feeding For Snowbound Wildlife

West of the Blue Ridge Mountains, especially in the southwestern part of the state, heavy freezes and hard snows have prevailed during the past few days. The Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries has accordingly authorized the wardens, wherever they deem it necessary, to put out feed for quail and other game birds, according to C. F. Phelps, chief of the Game Division.

The Committee for Economic Development recommended that Federal and State Governments look to highway users to finance the major part of highway modernization.

Abbitt Attacks Ike's Budget In Address In Roanoke Monday

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 23.- Representative Watkins M. Abbitt (D.-Va.) sharply attacked the Eisenhower Administration's 1957 budget in an address given this afternoon before the Virginia Association of Agricultural Fairs.

The Fourth District Congressman criticized the budget for "failing to present a true picture to the American people."

Representative Abbitt said he believed that the President's budget "not only fails to keep faith as a balanced budget but disregards promise of tax relief and ignores the opportunity to make substantial payments on the tremendous federal debt."

In a sharply worded address the Congressman said he was entirely opposed to the principle of non-essential spending which he said is evident in the present program. Abbitt claimed that the budget as presented can be balanced only if there is a continuation of the present economic condition.

He contended that the budget, as presented, pretends to be in balance while at the same time launching a "gigantic welfare program, the cost of which nobody knows."

The Congressman pointed particularly to the proposal for an expanded highway network, the federal school construction program and expanded public works projects in certain parts of the country. He listed a number of items which have risen in the past year.

Particularly concerned about the failure to apply payments on the federal debt, Abbitt said he considered it "financial irresponsibility that the present porsperity has failed to bring about a reduction in the federal debt."

He pointed out that despite reductions in federal spending the first two years of the present Administration the 1957 budget would place expenditures at a point higher than the amount spent during the height of the Korean War in 1952.

Abbitt further contended that there should be "an investigation by the Congress into the unexpended balance in the various departments. I am sure the American people would be amazed that there is presently unexpended within the Departments of the government more than $77 billion, and I feel that there should be an immediate stop to the business of appropriating money without any regard to the amounts being piled up within the federal bureaucracy."

The Congressman referred to the increases proposed by the Administration for domestic spending. He pointed out that within the 1957 budget the Administration proposes to increase domestic spending to $16.1 billion, an increase of more than $3 billion within the past two years.

A. H. S. 3rd In League Play

Appomattox High School's basketball team will seek to improve its third place standing in District 4, Group 2 League play, when it meets Nelson County High School here tomorrow night at the A. H. S. gym. The Blue Hornets have a 5-2 loop rating at present, behind Dan River with 6-1, and William Campbell with 7-2.

Appomattox took the measure of New London in a 52-41 game here last Friday night. Appomattox girls also won.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Monday, Jan. 30.- Peanut butter and raisin sandwich on whole wheat bread, black-eyed peas, baked tomatoes, ginger bread, 1-2 pt. milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 31.- Lima beans, green peas and carrots, whipped potatoes, hot muffins, jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Wed., Feb. 1.- Hot dog with dressing, macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, ice cream, 1-2 pt. milk.

Thurs., Feb. 2.- Chili-con-carne, cole slaw, buttered corn, corn bread vanilla pudding, 1-2 pt. milk.

Fri., Feb. 3.- Vegetable stew with crackers, 1-2 cheese sandwich, waldorf salad, cookies, 1-2 pt. milk.

New Book At County Library

The Answer is God, by Elise Miller Davis. This is the wonderful, heart-lifting biography of two famous and greatly loved Americans, Dale Evans and Roy Rogers. It is a story of heartbreak, failure, success, domestic tragedy, and a miracle—a story that will move and inspire every reader.

It was in September, 1952, that the Rogerees risked their careers to include a religious number in their program at Madison Square Garden. Here is the dramatic, intimate story of the events that led then to this decision—the miracle that occurred that brought God into their lives, and the conviction that they must bring their faith and belief in God to others.

NICKEL TROUBLE

Long Beach, Calif.- Joseph L. Richetti got into trouble because he had too many nickels — 27,400 of them, in fact. Police said the nickels were those taken from a safe two nights before, 200 pounds of coins

To Discuss Acreage Cut

Dark-fired tobacco warehousemen, buyers and handlers will meet in Farmville Saturday with Fourth District Representative Watkins M. Abbitt to discuss the proposed 15 per cent cut in acreage allotments for this type of tobacco. Abbitt is chairman of a special tobacco subcommittee of the House Agricultural Committee, which is studying the proposed cuts in allotments.

Rev. Norfleet U.D.C. Speaker On Gen. Lee

Buffet style dinner was served at a meeting of the Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Friday evening in the dining hall of the Liberty Baptist Church when chapter members and their guests met to pay homage to Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Miss Julia Asher, Historian of the chapter, introduced the Rev. Mr. Charles W. Norfleet, Jr., of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, who reviewed Lee's post-war life, with emphasis on Lee the Educator and Lee the Religious Man.

He recalled that on October 2, 1865, a simple service took place, installing Lee as President of Washington College at Lexington. At that service were five faculty members, the ministers of the community, and some fifty students. On December 2, Lee was joined there by his wife and family. The people of Lexington divided their substance with the new neighbors.

The first changes and improvements made by Lee in the college were in the realm of extension of the curriculum. The general effect was a broadening of the whole approach to education and to prepare young men of the South to face the difficult times following the War Between the States.

One of the attributes of Lee was his personal contact with the students. The student body increased rapidly and at the time of Lee's death had exceeded the 500 mark. His discipline was not of a military nature, as he did not deem that the proper procedure for young men in civil life. However, when the young students were found to be in the wrong, they were dealt with severely.

"Finally, we have the religious Lee," said the speaker. He revealed that although the college had no Chaplain, the college chapel was

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Yates May Be Only Convention Candidate

It appeared today that E. Floyd Yates, of Fewhatan, would be the only candidate from the 11th State Senatorial District, which includes Appomattox County, in the March 5 State Constitutional Convention.

The deadline for candidates to file is this Saturday at midnight.

Election of the delegates, one from each state senatorial district, will be held on February 21. Virginia voters approved the calling of the convention in a special referendum on January 9. Purpose of the convention will be to amend the State Constitution to remove a barrier to the use of public money for a child's education at a private, non-sectarian school.

Yates, former member of the House of Delegates, is state treasurer of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties. He served in the House from 1940 to 1950.

Yates was in Appomattox County early this week, contacting friends as to his candidacy to the convention. No others have been mentioned, and unless some one files by midnight Saturday, he will be unopposed on the February 21 ballot.

The convention will have 40 members, one for each of the state senatorial districts.

Yates is a farmer, automobile and oil dealer. He is chairman of the Powhatan County Democratic Committee.

Deadline to secure absentee ballots for the Feb. 21 vote, will be Saturday, Feb. 18, and voters must be registered by Feb. 12, and have paid their poll tax by last Dec. 12.

Football Banquet Set For Feb. 9

The annual Football Banquet of the Appomattox Lions Club will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, it was announced today. This is an annual event honoring the football squad of Appomattox High School. Judge J. W. Flood is the program chairman for the evening. At this time, trophies will be presented to outstanding players. The regular meeting of the Lions Club will be held tonight at 6:45, at Maud's Hot Shop.

DEATHS

MRS. GEORGE B. BUCHANAN

Mrs. Rosa Reynolds Buchanan died January 21 at her home here, after an illness of three months. She was born in Appomattox County June 13, 1898, daughter of Thomas Edwards and Emma Jones Reynolds. She was the wife of former Appomattox Mayor George B. Buchanan, who also served as Appomattox County Treasurer.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Tindall, Middletown, N. J.; Mrs. Charles Morris, Richmond; and Miss Ilah Buchanan, with the State Department in Saigon, Viet Nam; one son, George B. Buchanan Jr., Appomattox; one brother, Homer W. Reynolds, Ashbury Park, N. J., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Monday, at Robinson's Funeral Home here. Interment was in Liberty Cemetery. Services were conducted by Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr.; Dr. Twyman Williams, and the Rev. Lee R. Richcreek.

Active pallbearers were: David T. Robertson, Grover Smith, A. R. Harwood Jr., Billy Conner, Robert C. Hubbard and William C. Hubbard.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. C. F. James, Watkins M. Abbitt, George Abbitt Jr., George Abbitt Sr., Chas. F. P. Crawley, A. A. Burke, William Burke, H. C. Pulliam, Carroll Ould, Calvin Robinson, Leonard E. Anderson, Fred Lawson, Jesse Gull, Robert Alford, Thos. T. Martin, Joel W. Flood, C. T. Moses, C. T. Moses Jr.

MRS. ROBERT L. BROWN

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Akers Brown, 69, wife of Robert Lee Brown, of Gladstone, were conducted yesterday at 4 P. M., at the C&O Baptist Church, Gladstone, by the pastor, the Rev. C. L. Godwin. Burial was in Amherst Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown died early Tuesday morning in Virginia Baptist Hospital, where she had been a patient for three weeks.

Born in Gladstone, Feb. 24, 1886, she was the daughter of George D. and Molly Johnson Akers.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband; two sons, Charles Russell, and Hugh Waverly Brown, both of Gladstone; and a brother, Willie E. Akers, of Gladstone; four sisters, Mrs. C. C. Downs, of Warwick; Mrs. Gladys Bay, of Newport News; Mrs. Mamie Dyson, of Richmond, and Mrs. T. W. Lyttle, of Monroe, and by five grandchildren.

ROBERT CICERO HARRIS

Robert C. Harris died at 5:30 Sunday, Jan. 22, at the home of Mr. Robert W. McAlister, Gladstone, Va. He had been in declining health for nine years. Born in Laurensburg, N. C., Aug. 25, 1880, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mattie Jenkins, of Richmond, Va.

Graveside services were held at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Salisbury, N. C., conducted by Dr. Sydnor Gates and the Rev. C. L. Godwin.

MRS. ED SOUTHALL ROACH

Pamplin, Va.- Mrs. Laura Winston Meadows Roach, widow of Ed Southall Roach, died Jen. 23, at 3:40 P. M., at the home of her son, Robert Ed Roach, R. F. D. 1, Pamplin.

Born in Appomattox County June 4, 1869, she was the daughter of of the late James Wiley Meadows and Louise Williams Meadows. In addition to her son, she is survived by six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from her son's home Wednesday at 2 P. M., by the Rev. Randolph Hite. Interment was in the family cemetery at the homeplace. Active pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased.

Garden Club Met Monday

The January meeting of the Appomattox Garden Club was held on Monday evening in the high school caeteria, with Mrs. K. C. Gregory, vice-president, presiding in the absence of Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., president.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Fred Schilling, Executive Director of the Nature Camp which is owned and operated by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. The camp is located on Big Mary's Creek in the George Washington National Forest, three miles from Vesuvius. Girls and boys between the grades of five through senior high school may attend. The camp is for young people who are interested in nature study, birds, insects, wild flowers, plants, geology and astronomy. The instructors are from V. P. I., V. M. I., Mary Baldwin and the Forestry Commission. The cost for each camper is $45.00 for a period of two weeks. Mrs. Schilling supplemented her talk with slides shown by her husband. The pictures showed a typical day of a camper, beginning at 4:30 in the morning when some were going on an "early bird" walk.

At the conclusion of her talk, a business meeting was held. Mrs. F. F. Carr gave a report on the recent Garden Forum which she, with Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Mrs. Moses, Mrs. S. S. Sheuse and Mrs. L. N. Ligon attended in Richmond.

Winners in the arrangement classes for the evening were Mrs. Frank Carr, first, and Mrs. Robert Hubbard, second.

MEETING TONIGHT TO FORM APPOMATTOX BRANCH OF HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Mrs. W. Vernon Giles, of Lynchburg, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lynchburg General Hospital, will speak at a meeting this evening in the Appomattox High School auditorium, at 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. Giles will also show the American Hospital Association film on Women's Auxiliaries, entitled, "The Story of Dorothy Sprague." The purpose of this meeting is to organize an Appomattox County Branch of the Lynchburg General Hospital Woman's Auxiliary. All interested ladies are invited to attend this meeting.

HEADS RALEIGH BRANCH OF WACHOVIA BANK

A news item from The Raleigh, N. C., Times, will be of interest to citizens of Appomattox. R. D. Lee Covington, vice-president, has been chosen head of the Raleigh Branch of the Wachovia Banks. Mr. Covington's wife is the former Verna Oden, granddaughter of the late Col. and Mrs. Richard Floyd Burke, of Appomattox.